

REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 527 Date January 5, 1989

Full name Samuel Nugent or Samuel J. Nugent *aka Sam Heman*  
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City McKees Rocks State PA ZIP 15136

Date of Birth 4/16/49  
(This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 39 (To be used ONLY when date of birth not known.)

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Unemployed

Education High School Diploma

Weight approx. 290 lbs. Height 6' 0" Race Caucasian

Color of hair Gray Color of eyes Hazel

Outstanding characteristics or interests Military Records (Marines)

Married or single Single Children \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting connections: Chartered Organization Action Housing, Inc. (P9)  
First United Methodist Church (P274, T274)

Unit no. P9, City Pittsburgh State PA Position CA, WA, WL, SA  
P274, T274

Date registered 8/17/87 (P274) Date resigned January 5, 1989  
4/88 (P9)

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OR REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

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Signed JOSEPH E. ANGLIM

Council

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

CONFIDENTIAL

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CONF011079

October 9, 1990

Mr. Benjamin W. Ussery  
Scout Executive  
Allegheny Trails Council, No. 527

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: SAMUEL J. NUGENT

Dear Ben:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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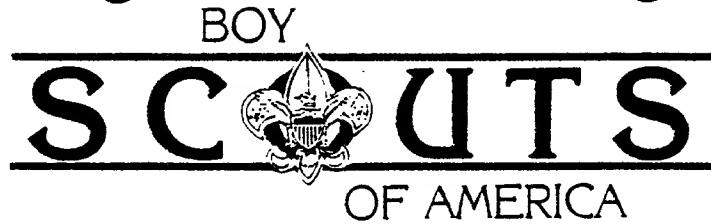
cc: Northeast Region

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OCT 09 1990

ERIN O'RILEY

CONF011080



September 27, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Department  
National Council, BSA  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Regarding your letter to me about Samuel J. Nugent, please be advised that he has been tried by court and convicted of child molestation. He is currently in jail serving up to 12 years.

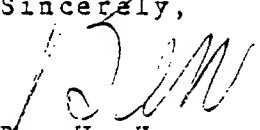
No court records will be released because of state law dealing with the confidentiality of minors involved in such cases.

However, the verbal confirmation of the abuse can be gotten from:

McKees Rocks Police Dept.  
Bell Ave. and Linden St.  
McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Telephone: [REDACTED]

The arresting officer familiar with the case is Lt. Donald Panyko.

Sincerely,

  
Ben W. Ussery  
Scout Executive

BWU:dac





# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BEN W. USSERY  
*Scout Executive*

September 20, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service, BSA  
National Office  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:


In response to your letter to me regarding Samuel J. Nugent, we are researching the legal standing of this individual and will be in touch with you regarding the findings shortly.

Sincerely,

  
Ben W. Ussery  
Scout Executive

BWU:dac

cc: Mr. David J. Buerklin  
Mr. Andrew J. Mallison

ALLEGHENY TRAILS COUNCIL  
FLAG PLAZA  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15219  


CONF011082

August 22, 1990

Mr. Benjamin W. Ussery  
Scout Executive  
Allegheny Trails Council, No. 527

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: SAMUEL J. NUGENT

Dear Ben:

I really hate to bother you again, but I would hope that the legal action against Mr. Nugent had now been completed. I know these things sometimes drag out forever, but we would like to close this file.

If you can give us any information on the completion of the legal action, we would certainly appreciate it.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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A. GRAVES

April 2, 1990

Mr. David J. Buerklin  
Director of Development  
and Support Service  
Allegheny Trails Council, No. 527

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Samuel J. Nugent

Dear David:

I appreciate the letter which you sent us last October related to this individual, but we have not heard from you since that time.

We would like to know if there has been any legal action related to the sex molestation charges which were filed against Mr. Nugent. We must have the outcome of this legal action in order to have a strong file.

Thanks for your help in checking on this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region  
Benjamin W. Ussery, Council No. 527

CONF011084

January 12, 1990

Mr. David J. Buerklin  
Director of Development and Support Services  
Allegheny Trails Council, No. 527

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: SAMUEL NUGENT

Dear David:

On October 11, you sent me a letter indicating that a hearing had been postponed until November. We had not heard from you and wondered if this was, again, postponed or whether you could give us more information concerning this individual.

Thanks for any help you could give that will close this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region  
Benjamin W. Ussery, Scout Executive—No. 527

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JAN 11 1990  
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Allegheny Trails Council

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Flag Plaza • Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3699 • [REDACTED]

October 11, 1989

Paul Ernst  
National Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Ben Ussery asked me to check on the disposition of the Child Molestation case against Samuel Nugent, as per your request.

I finally got in touch with Lt. Panyko, of the McKees Rocks Police Department today. Lt. Panyko said a hearing, set for October, was postponed and he thinks it will be re-set for November. He is waiting to be subpoenaed.

Paul, as we get more information we will share it with you.

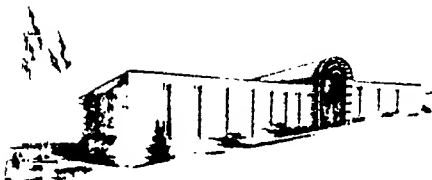
Sincerely,

David J. Buerklin  
Director of Development and  
Support Services

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cc: Ben W. Ussery

Member of the United Way of:  
Allegheny County  
Greene County  
Mon Valley  
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READY FOR FILE

SEP 29 1989

September 29, 1989

JULIE EATON

Mr. Benjamin W. Ussery  
Scout Executive  
Allegheny Trails Council, No. 527

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: SAMUEL J. NUGENT

Dear Ben:

We have not heard from you since February, when you indicated that the above named individual had been arrested and that a jury trial would take place at a later date.

We would like to know if any further legal action has taken place, so that we may complete our file. Please give us information, if this case has been completed.

We would like the conviction and any sentencing which may have been imposed in this particular situation. This would then strengthen our file and make certain that we could refuse registration anywhere in the country.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF011087

May 17, 1989

Mr. Benjamin W. Ussery  
Scout Executive  
Allegheny Trails Council, No. 527

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Samuel J. Nugent

Dear Ben:

We have not heard from you since February and wondered if the legal action had now been completed related to this individual. I understand he had asked for a jury trial and perhaps this has taken place.

Please send me the outcome if the trial is completed. I know these sometimes drag on for months, but hope we can soon complete this matter so that registration can be refused anywhere in the country.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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Allegheny Trails Council

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Flag Plaza • Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3699 • [REDACTED]

February 15, 1989

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Benjamin W. Ussery

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Boy Scouts of America  
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P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

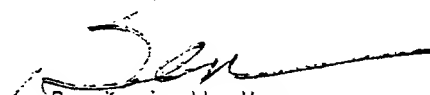
Dear Mr. Ernst:

Attached please find the most recent correspondence concerning Samuel Nugent. Please place in your file along with previous correspondence we have already sent.

If you have any questions, please call me or David Buerklin.

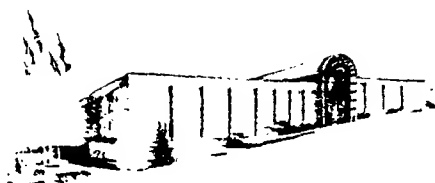
Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
Benjamin W. Ussery  
Scout Executive

BWU:sr  
Attachment

Allegheny Trails Council  
Allegheny County  
Pittsburgh  
State  
Allegheny County  
Fayette County



CONF011089

CONFIDENTIAL  
MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Buerklin  
From: J. Andrew Mallison  
Date: February 8, 1989

Re: Mr. Samuel Nugent

Mr. Sam Nugent has been released from the West Penn Hospital.

He was taken to the Allegheny County Jail and placed under arrest. He has recently waived his right to a preliminary trial and has opted for a jury trial. A trial date has not been obtained yet.

I have seen nothing in the police blotters in any of the newspapers concerning Mr. Nugent.

Mr. Nugent has begun to subpoena character witnesses for his defense. (This learned from Ms. Patricia Mason, Action Housing.)

My concern is that he may attempt to subpoena myself as a character witness concerning the Boy Scouts of America and as a person that was acquainted with him. What are my options?

I would like to discuss this possibility with you at a time open to you.

cc: J. Bruce McDowell  
file

January 12, 1989

Mr. Benjamin W. Ussery  
Scout Executive  
Allegheny Trails Council, No. 527

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Samuel J. Nugent

Dear Ben:

Thanks very much for your complete file of material on the above named individual. This is most helpful to us as we establish a file which will substantiate refusal of registration in the future.

Please keep us informed of the legal action that may take place. We would want the final outcome of this legal action, since this will strengthen our file.

Thanks again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE  
JAN 12 1989  
ERIN O'RILEY

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**MEMO** ALLEGHENY TRAILS COUNCIL #527, Boy Scouts of America

FLAG PLAZA PITTSBURGH, PA 15219-3699 [REDACTED]



TO: Mr. Paul Ernst  
Director of Registration

DATE: 1/5/89

Dear Mr. Ernst: *Paul*

Attached please find confidential file on "Samuel J. Nugent", relating to child abuse. Please remove him from all of Boy Scouts of America's files.

Thank you for your cooperation.

*BW*  
Benjamin W. Ussery  
Scout Executive

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Allegheny Trails Council

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Flag Plaza • Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3699 • [REDACTED]

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Scout Executive  
Benjamin W. Ussery

January 5, 1989

Mr. Samuel J. Nugent  
[REDACTED]

McKees Rocks, PA 15136

Dear Mr. Nugent:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are, therefore, compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that Boy Scouts of America's membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the Boy Scouts of America seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a Boy Scouts of America member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*  
Benjamin W. Ussery  
Scout Executive

BWU:sr  
Attachment

Boy Scouts of America  
Allegheny County  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Allegheny County  
Pittsburgh, PA



*Added to CF file  
[illegible]*

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SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORTING FOR  
ALLEGHENY TRAILS COUNCIL #527  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The following information was provided to:

J. Andrew Mallison, District Executive

[REDACTED] Allison Park, PA 15101

(Telephone number/address)

Name of suspected abuser: Samuel J. Nugent

Address: [REDACTED] PA 15136

Telephone No.: [REDACTED] Scouting position if known CA, WL, CC, WA  
(disconnected)

Child's name: [REDACTED] Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]  
McKees Rocks, PA 15136

Telephone No: [REDACTED]

Physical indicators observed: Police Report (McKees Rocks)

Behavioral indicators observed: Police Report (McKees Rocks)

Other indicators observed/known: Police Report (McKees Rocks)

Reporter's name and position: Police Report (McKees Rocks)

Date of report: 1/5/89

Signature: J. Andrew Mallison

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SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORTING FORM  
ALLEGHENY TRAILS COUNCIL #527  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The following information was provided to:

J. Andrew Mallison, District Executive

[REDACTED] Allison Park, PA 15101

(Telephone number/address)

Name of suspected abuser: Samuel J. Nugent

Address: [REDACTED] PA 15136

Telephone No: [REDACTED] Scouting position if known CA, WL, CC, WA  
(disconnected)

Child's name: [REDACTED] Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: [REDACTED]  
McKees Rocks, PA 15136

Telephone No: [REDACTED]

Physical indicators observed: Police Report (McKees Rocks)

Behavioral indicators observed: Police Report (McKees Rocks)

Other indicators observed/known: Police Report (McKees Rocks)

Reporter's name and position: Pat Mason, Social Worker, Action Housing, Inc.

Date of report: 1/5/89

Signature: J. Andrew Mallison

ALLEGHENY TRAILS COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

C O N F I D E N T I A L  
M E M O R A N D U M

Prepared by: J. Andrew Mallison, D.E.  
Date: January 4, 1989

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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
M E M O R A N D U M

PAGE 1

TO: Mr. Ben Ussery

FROM: J. Andrew Mallison, Montour District Executive

DATE: January 4, 1989

RE: Sam Nugent, Pack 9, Hays Manor - McKees Rocks, PA

As it stands now, Mr. Sam Nugent, Cubmaster for Cub Pack 9, Hays Manor, McKees Rocks, PA has been charged with Rape and Indecent Assault, and Corrupting the Morals of a Minor (They being [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].) There is an arrest warrant out for Mr. Nugent. A search warrant states that the acts occurred during a period of about two years (1986 to present).

According to the police, 90% of the acts were done in the apartment of Sam Nugent and 10% occurred at the [REDACTED] residence. It is alleged that Mr. Nugent called the victims into his bedroom and encouraged them to undress.

Lt. Donald A. Panyko was called at his home on Monday, January 2, 1989 by [REDACTED], mothers of the children, stating that Sam had been sexually molesting : [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has stated that Sam Nugent forced him to have anal sex with him. [REDACTED] stated that Sam Nugent performed oral sex and anal sex with him and forced him to perform oral sex with Sam Nugent. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were also forced to perform sexual acts. The first of these acts were to have occurred in the beginning of 1986 and the last was said to have occurred on December 21, 1988.

A search warrant was sworn out immediately for Mr. Nugent's apartment. On Tuesday, January 3, 1989 at 2:15PM, Lt. Panyko and five plain clothes detectives for the Allegheny County Police entered the Nugent apartment in search of Playboy Magazines and a black male organ vibrator used for anal intercourse. The police found handcuffs, a billy club, and PentHouse Magazines. They left everything in the apartment. (This statement is a combination of an interview with the Housing Manager and Lt. Panyko.)

The following Cub Scouts and parents were interviewed concerning Mr. Nugent and if they had ever been approached by Mr. Nugent.

Parent: [REDACTED]  
Scout: [REDACTED] (7)

Parent: [REDACTED]  
Scout: [REDACTED] (7)

Parent: [REDACTED]  
Scout: [REDACTED] (10)

Parent: [REDACTED]  
Scout: [REDACTED] (10)

Parent: [REDACTED]  
Scout: [REDACTED] (10)

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Each scout had stated to Lt. Panyko that they had NO involvement with Mr. Nugent in this manner. Lt. Panyko will continue to interview the scouts and parents. (Attached is a list of those scouts.)

Mr. Sam Nugent has been thought to have entered the West Penn Hospital in the Psychiatric Section. The hospital will not confirm this statement to the police. They will confirm however that he has been admitted to the hospital. His lawyer has stated that after he is released from the hospital over the weekend, Mr. Nugent will turn himself into the McKees Rocks Police.

It has been established at this time the NO DRUGS or ALCOHOL were involved. (This could change after more investigation.)

I had learned about this incident from Pat Mason, Social worker for the Public Housing Improvement program, Action Housing, Inc. Action Housing now holds the charter after it was given over by the Tenant Council President, Odean Banks in September, 1988. (Mr. Nugent became the Cubmaster in the Spring of 1988.) The letter turning the charter over to Action Housing is attached.

In my working with Mr. Nugent, I found him to be a positive influence on the scouts. He is not the most typical of role models however. He wears his hair in a ponytail and also wears an earring. Much of this I understood being part of his nature and a standard for anyone in this particular Housing Project.

The addresses and phone numbers of the police and Ms. Mason:

Mrs. Patricia Mason, Social Worker  
Action Housing INC.

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Phone: McKees Rocks Terrace  
Hays Manor:

Lt. Donald A Panyko  
McKees Rocks Police Department

McKees Rocks, PA 15136

Detectives DeSanti and Erlich are involved with the Allegheny County Police Department.

I will make myself available at any time to answer your questions or to research the questions you may have.

An afterthought.

[REDACTED], one of the mothers who is bringing the charges against Mr. Nugent, is registered with the unit as a Den Leader. She is the wife of [REDACTED]. The Assistant Cubmaster for Pack 9. A Mr. Keith Gary is listed as the Cubmaster for the unit on the current charter. This was changed by the Unit Committee to have [REDACTED] as the Cubmaster after it was learned that Mr. Gary had a history of alcoholism among other things. Mr. Nugent was then recruited by [REDACTED] to become the Cubmaster only after Rizzo felt he could not handle the position. Mr. Rizzo has not been implicated in this investigation concerning Mr. Nugent. It was suggested by the police that we also closely examine the records of Mr. Rizzo about his past involvement with drugs.

Nugent is also registered as being part of the District Camping Committee in the Three Rivers District. His involvement on that committee was not extremely active (according the Mr. Nugent in a conversation with me in the past.) He may also serve in a unit in the district also. (He eluded to this in a conversation also.) Mr. Nugent also may be known by some as Sam Henon.

To say the least, Mr. Nugent is not a popular with some of the residents of Hays Manor. Now, more than ever. I hope that the program would not end in this community. Although, because of this situation, our credibility in this community has suffered a severe blow. I will proceed with whatever action you judge as fit for this situation.

# ADULT APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—  
PRESS HARD, YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES.

- ☒ PACK NO.
- ☐ TROOP NO.
- ☐ TEAM NO.
- ☐ POST NO.
- ☐ SHIP NO.

☐ COUNCIL/DISTRICT POSITION

OR

DISTRICT NO. 09

☐ FULLY TRAINED

FIRST NAME AND INITIAL

LAST NAME

S A M U E L J N U G E N T

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.

DATE OF BIRTH

POSITION

[Redacted Address]

04 / 16 / 49

CA

ADDITIONAL ADDRESS INFORMATION (if necessary)

MONTH DAY YEAR CODE

~~MC KEES ROCKS~~

BOYS' LIFE

CHECK ONE

SEX

☐

☐ NEW LEADER

☒ FORMER LEADER

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CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

MC KEES ROCKS PA 15136-

☒ B OR A

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

SA, WA, CC, WL

THIRD RIDE / MONTANA

PHONE

DATE

PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND

COUNCIL

UNEMPLOYED

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

[Signature]

SIGNATURE—SEE COVER

REGISTRATION FEE

BOYS' LIFE FEE

TERM (MONTHS)

UNIT RENEWAL DATE

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0389

MONTH

YEAR

[Signature]

APPROVAL—SEE COVER

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NAT'L UNIT NO.

MEMBER ID NO.

LOCAL COUNCIL COPY

## CUB SCOUT APPLICATION

PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—PRESS HARD, YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES

LEAVE SPACE BETWEEN FIRST NAME AND INITIAL

NAME—FIRST NAME AND INITIAL

LAST NAME

LOCAL PACK NUMBER

RANK—CHECK ONE

☒ (C) Bobcat☐ (R) Webelos Badge☐ (W) Wolf☐ (A) Arrow of Light☐ (B) Bear

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.

BOYS' LIFE

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDITIONAL ADDRESS INFORMATION (if needed)

GRADE

MONTH

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CHECK

☐ NEW CUB SCOUT☐ FORMER CUB SCOUT☐ FORMER TIGER CUB

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

MCHEES ROCKS PA 15136

## FOR CUBMASTER USE:

REGISTRATION FEE

BOYS' LIFE FEE

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MONTH YEAR

CUBMASTER'S SIGNATURE

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